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DEQ announces expenditure reductions in accordance with Governor Jindal's Executive Order

BATON ROUGE -- As a result of Governor Bobby Jindal's Executive Order to reduce state expenditures, the Department of Environmental Quality has made an additional \$321,667 in reductions. This reduction will be achieved by reducing a \$500,000 cooperative agreement with the Louisiana Rural Water Association by \$47,600, and by eliminating vacancies throughout the department; saving \$274,067.

These reductions are in addition to several cost-saving measures the department has taken to ensure DEQ runs more efficiently. For fiscal year 2011, DEQ did not request any general fund appropriation. To reach this point, DEQ made a series of cost-savings decisions in order to become self-sufficient.

Recently, the department announced its intent to merge the Office of Environmental Assessment with other existing offices. This move is estimated to save more than \$200,000 with the elimination of an appointed position along with the other costs associated with the position.

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